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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 4 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2, which has been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 incorporates the subject matter of claim 2, which has been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claim 1 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1. Therefore, claims 1, 3, and 4 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 5-8 were withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 5-8 have been canceled without prejudice.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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